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This is N. C. 58 at the Franklin-Nash County Line. Another case of neighboring counties having resurfaced roads up to our line.



This is N. C. 98 at the intersection of U. S. 64 east of Bunn. The point shown is .55 miles from the Franklin line inside Nash County. Still another case of improved roads near the Franklin County line.

## No Answers

# But, Lots More Questions

### An Editorial

For the past six weeks, editorials have appeared here posing certain questions concerning the condition of primary highways in Franklin County. These questions have been directed at the present State Highway Commission.

This series has not placed the total blame for these conditions on the present Commission, mainly because many of the conditions existed prior to the term of office of the present membership.

However, two points are clear. First, the present Commission is the only one which can change these conditions and secondly, this Commission is regrettably slow in answering two basically simple questions being asked by this editorial series: (1) Why has Franklin County not gotten its share of road improvements and (2) What does the present Commission plan to do about it.

The answer to the second question is becoming painfully obvious.

Citizens in other "have-not" counties are beginning to take note. They too, are seeking answers. There should be some forthright answers given for these pressing questions.

Why is it, for instance, that in 1965 a man owning an automobile in Wake County received \$46.78 in road improvement funds while a car owner in Franklin County received only \$16.04; in Durham County the average per registered vehicle was \$31.49; in Person, \$30.33 and in Warren, because of heavy federal-aid, it was \$71.86.

Why, in the past ten years, have car owners in Wake

County received an average of \$36.09 per registered vehicle while we in Franklin County have received only \$17.97?

While this series deals essentially with primary highway improvements, these figures include federal-aid; state construction and state maintenance.

The disquieting question is why this difference in allocations? Franklin citizens pay the same price for automobiles (including the same state sales tax); the same seven cents per gallon state gasoline tax; the same one-quarter cent inspection tax and the same four cent federal tax. What makes an automobile in Wake County more valuable, in the minds of the Highway Commission, than the same car in Franklin County.

Why must motorists in neighboring counties ride on highways giving up to 20,000 miles to a set of tires when Franklin travelers must drive on roads in such deplorable condition, some average little over 5,000 miles to a set of tires?

And one final question (for today). If traffic count is a criteria for road funds allocation, where does the traffic go in Franklin County after it comes off these newly resurfaced highways in bordering counties?

Perhaps, this traffic, in the minds of the Commission does as it seems to think this series of editorials will do. Evaporate. But, alas, like the traffic in Franklin County, this series, too will continue to stumble along until something is done.

Answers may not be forthcoming, but we still have a lot of questions.

## Henderson Editor Urges Attention To N.C. 39

Henry A. Dennis, veteran editor-publisher of The Henderson Daily Dispatch, has called for an end to "complacency and indifference" in the matter of highway improvements in Vance County. The editor's remarks were published in Tuesday's edition of the afternoon daily in an editorial.

Mr. Dennis, who had recently commented on Franklin County efforts at getting road improvements, stated that N. C. 39, which runs from Selma by Bunn, Louisburg, Henderson to Townsville in Vance County "is very crooked, pavement is narrow, and in places in bad repair, even in its present routing."

"Time after time," the editorial points out, "the Highway Commission lets contracts running into the millions of dollars and covering many sections of the state. But it is extremely rare that anything is included for Vance county."

Clint Fuller, Managing Editor of The Franklin Times, whose front page editorials prompted Dennis' original comments, said figures he had collected on road improvements bore out the Henderson

newspaperman's remarks. Fuller said, "The data we have shows that in 1965, Vance county, third in the Division in motor vehicle regis-

## John Church To Attend Workshop

Sixteenth N. C. House District Representative-elect John T. Church of Henderson has been named by Governor Dan Moore as one of twenty state leaders to attend the annual legislative workshop of the Southern Regional Education Board in Asheville July 27-30.

Church will join Rep. James D. Speed of Franklin County in the 1967 General Assembly as representatives of the Franklin, Vance, Warren county district.

Gov. Moore and Georgia Gov. Carl Sanders head the list of speakers for the four-day conference. The theme will be "financing higher education." Sanders, SREB board chairman, will speak at the final general session July 30. Moore will address a dinner meeting July 29.

Panel discussions will be held on such topics as trends in higher education, future costs of higher education, capital expenditures, budgeting processes and student costs.

In making the appointments, Gov. Moore said he was pleased "that this outstanding group of citizens has agreed to represent our state at the conference. They have contributed in large measure to North Carolina's place of leadership in the financing of higher education."

## Reminder

The Franklin Co. Democratic Women will meet Friday night, July 22, 1966 at the Murphy House at 7 o'clock. This will be a Dutch supper meeting.

Plans will be made for the annual husband-wife dinner meeting to be held in August. All members are urged to attend.

trations, received the lowest per-vehicle allotment in the Division. While Wake received an average of \$46.78 in highway funds for each registered vehicle, Vance received only \$10.34."

Dennis also called for action by local governing bodies. The editorial stated, "We think governing bodies of the city and the county ought to interest themselves in these needed improvements. They are the proper channel for action."

Fuller, commenting on Franklin county stated, "Our Commissioners and the Road Committee have recently shown interest in road improvements and I agree fully with Mr. Dennis, local governing bodies are the proper agencies to push for these improvements. Our efforts have been strictly as a newspaperman, pointing out certain conditions as they exist."

Editorial comments by the Henderson daily newspaper is another in a growing number of news media which have expressed concern over the lack of road improvements in what Fuller earlier dubbed, "the have-not counties."

## Canvassing For City Directory Completed

Door-to-door canvassing for the upcoming City Directory for several municipalities in Franklin County has been completed. The announcement came this week from Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Plyler of the Mullin-Kille Company, the firm preparing the new Directory.

The Plylers stated that they had found generally fine cooperation in the area from those being questioned. Names, addresses and business affiliations are to be listed in the book for every citizen living in the areas covered.

The new Directory, expected to be published in late fall, will include listings of Louisburg, Franklinton, Bunn and Youngsville. In each town, canvassers worked well into the surrounding areas, out-

## LBA Joins Credit Bureau Association

The Louisburg Business Association has been approved for membership in the Associated Credit Bureaus of North Carolina. The association will be working closely with the leading credit bureaus throughout North Carolina.

Assistance will be given by their managers in developing the services for this area. It has been pointed out to the association that, "we are located in a growing section of the state and credit reporting is becoming a very important factor in the business life of any community."

Mrs. Juanita Pleasants, Secretary of the Road Business Association is registered for the Southeastern Management Institute at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, August 14-19. While there she will receive training and have the opportunity of association with other Credit Bureau Managers. The school is sponsored by Associated Credit Bureaus of America. Later this year the association will apply for membership to the Associated Credit Bureaus of America. Upon approval of the application the local association will be listed with credit bureaus throughout America.

side the town limits, in an effort to get as many people listed as possible.

In addition to listing all businesses and citizens interviewed by the group, all telephone subscribers will be listed.

"Inclusion of the residents of the urban fringes in each of these communities will present a more complete and accurate picture of the available labor market and add considerably to the utility of

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## Notice

There will be a stated Communication of Louisburg Lodge 413 on Tuesday evening July 26 at 7:30. All Master Masons are cordially invited.

# Board Reduces Tax Rate To \$1.56

The Board of County Commissioners, meeting in special session here Wednesday, cut the tentative tax levy from a previously announced \$1.58 per one hundred dollar valuation to \$1.56. The change came following disclosure that state regulations did not permit a levy of over five cents

for improvements to the county jail and boarding home. The tentative budget, announced earlier, contained a levy of .04 cents for improvements to both the jail and the boarding home for a total levy of eight cents. This was reduced to the required level of five cents in Wednesday's meeting.

One cent was added back to the budget to afford some raises to certain county employees.

It was noted by one official that the Welfare Department had received a grant from the State which covered increases for that department and that the Health Department had enough surplus left from last year's budget to cover increases in that department.

The one cent levy was issued to cover raises for clerks in the Tax Collector's office and the Auditor's office. All those receiving raises were not announced, but it was learned that several departments could not be given raises because of limits set by the

State Legislature. It was noted that the janitor and the dog warden were not included in the salary increases.

In other action, the County Planning Board met with the Commissioners and adopted a resolution calling for the hiring of a firm to make a comprehensive survey and to come up with a water and sewer plan for the county. The Commissioners approved the resolution adopted by the Planning Board. It was explained that this was part of the procedure recommended by the Farm Home Administration office here, agency charged with issuing grants and loans for water and sewer projects.

## Paula Says:

# "Well Worth The Work"

An article in the Smithfield Herald's Tuesday edition by staff writer Mary Ann Marchant, quotes Miss Louisburg, Paula Justice, as saying she was "well satisfied with her talent presentation. The audience reaction and applause to the comedy part was well worth the work I put into

it."

Paula is quoted as saying, in commenting on her having won the coveted Miss Congeniality Award, "That trophy meant more to me than the Miss North Carolina crown. I thought they were going to have to pick me up off the floor when it was announced. It took me

the longest time to get to the microphone. At first I just stood there."

The article states that Paula's mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Justice of Clayton, N. C. and brother and boy-friend were in the audience.

"I could see my mother and father from where I was standing and I think they were astounded. My brother and the boy I date just looked at each other and never did get around to clapping," the Louisburg College coed is reported to have said.

Paula celebrated her 19th birthday Tuesday. She received a handsome trophy and a \$100 scholarship for having won the Miss Congeniality honor.

The Herald article continues relating the fact that Paula says the thing which impressed her most about the whole event was "The fact the girls got along so well together. There was no jealousy, or if there was I didn't see it, and this is something you rarely find in a group of girls that large. Each accepted defeat as well as she could. We were told when we arrived that the challenge is not to win, but to be a good loser."

Asked if she made any new

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## Tippett Represents N. C. At Travel-Trailer Rally



TIPPETT

Louisburg businessman Wallace Tippett is in Hershey, Pa. this week representing North Carolina at the National Convention of the Travel-Trailer Association.

Tippett, a member of the North Carolina Recreation Commission was named by Governor Dan Moore as state representative to the rally.

Tippett and his family left for the meeting last weekend. Every state in the Union and Canada is represented.

The purpose of Tippett's trip was stated as "fostering better relations for the state, among the traveling public from all states and to promote North Carolina recreation facilities."

Tippett carried a heavy load of material on North Carolina to be distributed to others at the nation-wide rally.

He was appointed to the N.C. Recreation Commission several months ago by the Governor. Tippett was campaign manager for Moore in Franklin County in the 1964 campaign.

He, his wife and two daughters plan to return by Washington, D. C. for a short visit with his son who is in service stationed in the nation's capital.

## Jaycees Plan Welcome Monday For Paula

The Louisburg Jaycees are planning a big welcome home ceremony on the courthouse square here Monday afternoon at 4:30 p.m. for Miss Paula Justice, Miss Louisburg, who was named Miss Congeniality in the State Pageant last Saturday night.

Jaycee Vice President and Publicity Chairman William O'Neal announced that Miss Justice, whose home is in Clayton, N. C., will arrive in Louisburg next Monday afternoon and will be presented to the crowd in ceremonies which will include a number of speeches, music and picture-taking.

Representatives of the various governing organizations in the town and county are expected to be on hand, along with representatives

from Louisburg College where Miss Louisburg is a student.

Local civic and business organizations are also expected to have representatives present. WRAL-TV in Raleigh has indicated they will air an interview with Miss Congeniality on their Monday 6 p.m. Dateline News program, including coverage of the homecoming festivities.

O'Neal said the Jaycees were urging everyone to attend the event, which is aimed at showing Miss Louisburg the community's pride in her accomplishments.

Following the afternoon activities, Miss Justice will be guest of the Louisburg Jaycees at their regular dinner meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m.